

Remarks

The Applicants have amended the Specification to correct minor typographic and other obvious errors. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In the paragraph spanning pages 19 and 20, the phrase “Mohs hardness” has been changed to “Vickers hardness.” Vickers hardness is mentioned elsewhere in this paragraph and elsewhere in the specification (see, *e.g.*, pg. 26, ln. 25 to pg. 27, ln. 9). One skilled in the art would therefore immediately recognize, from the context of the specification, and from the references in the specification to “Vickers hardness” that the reference to “Mohs hardness” on pgs. 19-20 was an obvious error.

The change to the paragraph on pg. 23, which changes this paragraph to read “. . . while the film is in constant length or ~~shrunk to a predetermined length or~~ gradually” is made to rectify a translation error from the original Japanese-language specification. As the original Japanese-language specification contains the language as indicated in the corrected paragraph, no new matter has been added.

The paragraph on pg. 29 has been amended to change “1R3 mm” to “13 mm.” One skilled in the art would immediately recognize this as a typographic error.

Also, the change to the paragraph on pg. 29, which substitutes the value of “64 mm” for “51 mm” is simply the correction of an obvious error. This paragraph describes the measurement of tear propagation resistance in polyester films. One skilled in the art is aware that the test to determine tear propagation resistance involves producing a small tear is one side of the film, and the film is then subjected to stresses which tear the film the remainder of its length. Here, a 13 mm tear was made in the film samples, and the tear propagation strength was determined by tearing the remaining 51 mm of the film sample length according to ASTM-D-1922. The original 13 mm tear plus the

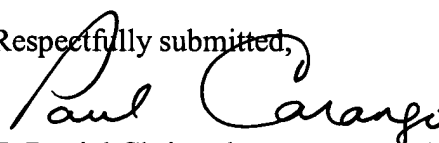
remaining 51 mm length of the film sample equals 64 mm total. Therefore, one skilled in the art would understand that the change from 51 mm to 64 mm in this paragraph was the rectification of an obvious error.

Claims 5, 6 and 8-17 have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and to place them into better form for examination on the merits and allowance. No new matter has been added by these amendment.

New Claims 18 – 26 have been added. Support for these new claims is found in the claims are originally filed.

Passage to the appropriate art unit for examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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